

**Historic Resources Committee
Town of Camden
Minutes of Meeting
January 11, 2011**

Present: Chair: Kit Parker; Members: Sonia Spalding, Beedy Parker; Volunteers: Ann Sziklas; Select Board member: Deb Dodge; Guests: Dave Jackson (Library Park), Steve Wilson, Code Enforcement Officer =, Dave Morrison, Opera House technical director

Kit Parker called the meeting to order in the Washington Street Conference Room at 4:00 pm

The minutes of the December 2010 meeting were approved with the following changes to clarify the difference between CEDAC and the subcommittee of the Planning Board:

"Old Business:

Kit reported on CEDAC's SWOT results. Attendees at the last meeting prioritized potential action items and economic opportunities that would encourage business in Camden.

New Business:

Kit reported on the subcommittee of the Planning Board that is working on developing design standards for Camden's historic areas. The subcommittee is looking at ordinances from other towns to develop a draft ordinance. They will begin with the Historic Fire District."

Old Business

Town Manager: no report

Committee Reports

Village Green: no report.

Archives: Ann reported that they would be taking up their cataloging work again next week.

Dave Jackson reported on the skating rink being installed in the Amphitheatre, proposed and facilitated by Michael Roy and to be maintained by Parks and Rec. On the nomination of the Amphitheatre for National Historic Landmark, Dave described its slow deliberate progress through the various required stages, and advised patience.

Deb Dodge reported on the CEDAC meeting coming up (Jan. 24) and the report and the many recommendations that would be coming out.

Kit described the QR two-dimensional bar-code system proposed for historic locations in town, to activate visitors' electronic devices (smart phones) and access historic information for visitors, already used in some other towns. This is not to compete with, but to complement live historic tours in town. Kit will contact Marlene Hall of the Camden Rockport Historical Society to see if any of their members would be interested in helping to lead tours.

Kit reported on the work of the Planning Board subcommittee working on design standards (and possible demolition notification requirement) for the downtown historic Great Fire district.

New Business

Dave Morrison reported on the proposed interim Opera House street lighting, with an illustrated handout. This would inexpensively and immediately improve the dark condition along the sidewalk on the Washington Street side of the building.

A motion was made and the Committee **voted** to approve: **That we recommend to the Select Board that three new light fixtures be installed on the Washington Street side of the Opera House.** Kit will sign the Project Review Form submitted by Dave and return it to Roberta..

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm. The next meeting will be February 8, 2011 at the Washington St. Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Beedy Parker